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1. THE ACTING DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INVESTIGATION (DI, THE NON-UNIFORMED NATIONAL POLITICAL FORCE), ARGENIO P O U P I N, HAS BEGUN TO USE AN OUTSIDE GROUP OF DETECTIVES FOR SURVEILLANCE OF HIGH-RANKING ARMY, NAVY AND AIR FORCE OFFICERS. THIS SURVEILLANCE IS NORMALLY CONDUCTED BY STATIONING A SINGLE DETECTIVE OUTSIDE, OR NEAR, THE RESIDENCE OF THE INDIVIDUAL WHO IS BEING WATCHED. THE DETECTIVES REPORT ON ALL MOVEMENTS OF THE TARGET, SUCH AS THE TIMES OF HIS DEPARTURE FROM, AND RETURN TO, THE RESIDENCE, AND ON ALL VISITORS. [REDACTED]

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COMMENT: ALTHOUGH ONLY ONE DETECTIVE ACTUALLY MONITORS A RESIDENCE, HE IS USUALLY EQUIPPED WITH A SMALL "WALKIE-TALKIE" FOR COMMUNICATIONS WITH A DI VEHICLE PARKED WITHIN A BLOCK OR TWO OF THE TARGET RESIDENCE. THE VEHICLE FOLLOWS ANY AUTOMOBILES WHICH DEPART THE RESIDENCE.)

2. POUPIN HAS SELECTED FOR THIS DUTY DETECTIVES WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY SERVED IN THE OUTLYING, LOWER CLASS SECTIONS OF SANTIAGO. SINCE MOST SENIOR ARMED FORCES OFFICERS NORMALLY LIVE IN SANTIAGO'S UPPER CLASS AREA, THE SURVEILLANTS ARE NOT EASILY RECOGNIZED BY THEIR TARGETS. (COMMENT: THE SUSPENDED DI DIRECTOR GENERAL, EDUARDO P A R E D E S, HAD USED DETECTIVES WHO WERE GENERALLY KNOWN FOR WORKING FOR THE DI FOR SURVEILLANCE PURPOSES.)

3. DETECTIVES SELECTED FOR SURVEILLANCE DUTY ARE PICKED CAREFULLY, FOR BOTH THEIR PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS AND THEIR OVERALL BEARING. THE DI IS SEEKING INDIVIDUALS WHO DO NOT READILY GIVE THE APPEARANCE OF BEING POLICEMEN. THE DI IS ALSO ATTEMPTING TO DISGUISE THE DETECTIVES BETTER, SINCE SEVERAL GENERALS HAVE LODGED COMPLAINTS WITH THE DI BECAUSE THEY HAD RECOGNIZED DETECTIVES WHO WERE WATCHING THEM.

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